

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, lines 19-23, as follows:

In accordance with the present invention, an air-conditioning system for the passenger compartment of a vehicle is provided ~~according to what is specified in Claim 1 and, preferably, in any one of the subsequent claims depending directly or indirectly upon Claim 1.~~

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 27 to page 4, line 7, as follows:

The air-conditioning system 2 comprises a tubular body 5, ~~which is~~ set in a bottom portion of the passenger compartment 1, ~~[[has]]~~ and an internal pipe 6 communicating with the air-treatment unit 3, and is provided with a number of bottom ventilation outlets 4 mounted on the side surface 7 of the tubular body 5 ~~itself~~. In particular, the ventilation outlets 4 are mounted on the tubular body 5 so as to be able to oscillate about a longitudinal central axis 8 of the tubular body 5 ~~itself~~ between two limit positions (illustrated in Figure 2 [[1]]). The regulation of the directionality of the bottom ventilation outlets 4 about the central axis 8 enables ventilation of an area that starts from the driver's toes and reaches as far as lapping the surface of the knee protection, thus enabling the air to flow upwards “sticking” to the limit layer of the dashboard surface.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 9-17, as follows:

According to the embodiment illustrated in figure 1 ~~the attached figures~~, the ventilation outlets 4 are mounted in a fixed position on the side surface 7 of the tubular body 5, and the tubular body 5 ~~itself~~ is mounted so as to be able to oscillate about its longitudinal central axis 8. In this way, all the ventilation outlets 4 oscillate in the same way together with the tubular body 5 and about the longitudinal central axis 8 of the tubular body 5 ~~itself~~.

Please amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 19-27, as follows:

According to a different embodiment illustrated in figure 2 (~~not illustrated~~), the tubular body 5 is mounted in a fixed position, and the ventilation outlets 4 are mounted on the side surface 7 of the tubular body 5 so as to be able to oscillate about the longitudinal central axis 8 of the tubular body 5 ~~itself~~. In this way, each ventilation outlet 4 can oscillate about the longitudinal central axis 8 of the tubular body 5 ~~in a way independent~~ independently of the other ventilation outlets 4.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 33 to page 6, line 8, as follows:

Fabrication of the tubular body 5 described above proves extremely simple and inexpensive. Furthermore, various on-road tests have demonstrated that the tubular body 5 enables an effective and ergonomic regulation of the flows of air coming from the bottom ventilation outlets 4. In fact, regulation of the directionality of the bottom ventilation outlets 4 enables ventilation of an area that starts ~~[[form]]~~ from the driver's toes and reaches as far as lapping the surface of the knee protection thus enabling the air to flow upwards "sticking" to the limit layer of the dashboard surface.